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April 3, 2001

Mr. Jon Hochkammer Senate Sergeant at Arms

Dear Mr. Mochkammer:

I am writing to request the assistance of your staff for a committee hearing that will take place outside the State Capitol.

The Senate Committee on Organization has approved holding this hearing outside of Madison and has approved the presence of your staff at the hearing.

A copy of the hearing notice, giving the time and location of the hearing, is attached.

In addition to the members of the Senate Committee on Human Services and Aging, I have invited other legislators who represent Rock County to attend the hearing. Please check with my committee clerk, David Austin, to see which of those legislators will in fact be attending the hearing. I request that chairs and nameplates for those legislators be present at the hearing.

If you have any questions about this hearing, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your help in putting this hearing together.

Sincerely,

Sepator Judith B. Robson

15th Senate District

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November 29, 2001

Attorney General Jim Doyle Wisconsin Department of Justice P.O. Box 7857 Madison, W1-53707-7857

Dear Attorney General Doyle:

I am writing in regards to the state's settlement of a price-fixing lawsuit against the major vitamin companies. I respectfully request that you direct a portion of the settlement money towards food pantries statewide.

Food pantries are currently facing an increased demand for services at the same time that donations are decreasing. There is a real danger that food pantries may not be able to meet the needs of those who come to them for help.

According to America's Second Harvest, a national organization distributing food to food pantries, a recent survey of pantries found that 80% reported increased demand and 40% reported decreased donations. Locally, Second Harvest of Wisconsin reports that distributions have increased by more than 20% to the 1100 pantries that it serves. Similarly, the Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin reports that usage is up more than 20% at more than half of the food pantries in its region.

I personally know that food pantries in the Beloit/Janesville area are starting to use their last stocks. The shelves are almost literally bare.

Use of money from the vitamin settlement would help meet the health and nutrition needs of Wisconsin residents. It would also be in keeping with the holiday spirit. This time of year should be one of celebration and joy. People needing help from a food pantry are already in a difficult position, but to go to a food pantry and find that even the pantry is unable to help would be truly dispiriting.

Please use a portion of the vitamin settlement money for Wisconsin food pantries. The money could be directed to organizations that make distributions to many individual food pantries. Two such organizations are Second Harvest Food Bank of Wisconsin and the Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee.

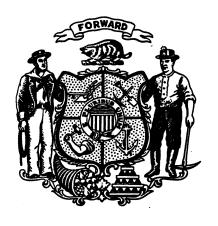
Second Harvest can be reached at 1700 West Fond du Lac Avenue, Milwaukee, 53205-1261. Its phone number is 414-931-7400. The Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee can be reached at 201 South Hawley Court, Milwaukee, 53214-1966. Its phone is 414-777-0483.

Thank you for your dedicated work on behalf of Wisconsin consumers and for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Senator Judith Robson 15th Senate District

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State Medical Society of Wisconsin



Working together, advancing the health of the people of Wisconsin

March 20, 2001

Senator Judy Robson Chair, Human Services and Aging Committee Wisconsin Senate P.O. Box 7882 Madison, WI 53707

Dear Senator Robson:

On behalf of 9,000 physician members of the State Medical Society (SMS), we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Wisconsin Statewide Trauma Care System Plan. The plan, developed by the State Trauma Advisory Council (STAC), was chaired by Stephen Hargarten, MD. Doctor Hargarten was nominated to the STAC by the SMS and is an active member of the Medical Society.

Overall, the SMS is supportive of the Statewide Trauma Care System Plan and we believe that a coordinated trauma care system will improve the quality of care for all Wisconsin citizens.

Specifically, the SMS supports:

- ♦ Classification and Verification of Hospital Resources use of the American College of Surgeons criteria for classification as a Level I or Level II trauma care facility and a more simple, less time consuming self-designation checklist for Level III and Level IV will allow all hospitals in Wisconsin to participate in the statewide trauma care system. Encouraging Level III and IV facilities to communicate and link with Level I and II facilities will mean that no rural hospital or facility will be isolated and appropriate and timely transfer of patients to these tertiary facilities will be ensured. We believe that this inclusive system will mean improved access to care and increased overall quality of care for all patients in Wisconsin.
- ♦ **Performance Improvement** we support gradual implementation of an evaluation and performance improvement system. Improving and monitoring the trauma system is crucial, however, the collection and evaluation of appropriate information should be made as easy and straight forward as possible in order to not overload limited resources and not take staff time away from patient care duties.
 - In addition, the SMS strongly urges the data collection process to ensure complete confidentiality and patient privacy, so that all data sent to the state of Wisconsin from health care facilities should be devoid of patient identifiable information or, if identifiable, the patient must be given the opportunity to give his or her consent to the submission of data.
- ♦ Development of Regional Trauma Advisory Councils (RTACs) creation of regional councils, with involvement of physicians, nurses, EMTs and others directly involved in

providing trauma care to injured patients, will greatly enhance a statewide trauma system. Giving these RTACs responsibility for coordination of regional performance improvement and regional injury prevention, education and training in trauma care is essential for a successful system. These councils will be able to develop the programs that are most valuable to their location and their population.

- ♦ Education and Training we strongly support an emphasis on injury prevention education for all citizens in order to avoid having to use the trauma system in the first place. In addition, improving coordination between organizations and individuals who provide education to the public on safety and injury prevention will mean that all of our efforts can be more effective.
- ◆ Funding adequate funding is crucial if a coordinated, comprehensive statewide trauma care system is to be implemented. We support both GPR and/or other funding mechanisms (including a \$1 fee to vehicle registrations) in order to provide necessary resources for the statewide system.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the trauma care system.

Sincerely,

Alice O'Connor Vice President, Advocacy and Policy

cc: Senator Moore
Senator Wirch
Senator Hansen
Senator Rozenweig
Senator Roessler
Senator Welch



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February 8, 2002

Judy Robson (Senate 15) Room 15 South, State Capitol P.O. Box 7882 Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7882

Dear Ms. Robson,

I am contacting you about the state of Wisconsin audit requirement in the county contracts for CBRF facilities. This law says that if you have a contract with the county, you are required to get an audit from a CPA firm if the CBRF facility receives over \$25,000 in funding within a year's time. Small CBRF facilities cannot afford this cost.

My mother is a life long resident of Rock County and she currently lives in a CBRF in that county:

Shirley's Place (Shirley Haseltine) 1518 N. Little Road Janesville, Wisconsin 53545

There are only 5 residents living there at the present time, although she has room for 8 residents. The monthly expenses are not only food, utilities, and transportation but also the costs of keeping the residence clean and updated with the safety and well being of the residents being the first priority. I see where the money goes. Please reconsider making this audit a state requirement.

Sincerely,

Janice W. Prinzi

778 Tiffany Farms Rd Antioch, Illinois 60002 2-11-2002

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Judy Robson (Senate 15;D-Beloit) Room 15 South, State Capitol P.O. Box 7882 Madsion 53707-7882

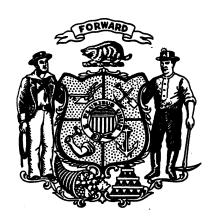
Dear Judy Robson

I am writing to all the Wisconsin State Representatives about the Audit requirement in the County contracts. If you have a contract with the county. They require us to get an Audit from a CPA firm, if we receive over \$25,000.00 in funding in a year's time. This requirement is a cost burden, especially on a small facility. If you only have two residents funded through the county you will pass this amount. I think the \$25,000.00 should be increased to a higher amount or just eliminated completely. Small CBRF'S have enough trouble, as it is to keep up with costly regulations and requirements.

Thank you

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Owner, RJ'S CARE HOME



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Amy Nicholson 211 W 2nd St. Apt. 1 Waunakee, WI 53597 November 18, 2001

Senator Judith Robson, MSN, RN Room 15 South, State Capitol PO Box 7882 Madison, WI 53707-7882

Dear Senator Robson,

I am a third year nursing student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. I am writing to express my concern regarding the issue of mandatory overtime for nurses.

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As a patient advocate, I believe that we need to improve the working conditions for nurses to maintain the quality of health care for our patients. Mandatory overtime leads to many problems for both the patient and the nurse including medical errors, stress-related illness, and decreased staff morale.

As a co-chair of the Joint Committee for Review of Administrative Rules, and a fellow nurse, I am urging you to help make Wisconsin health care facilities safer. Increased funding to hospitals is an important step in the right direction. With increased funding, the facilities can afford to hire more licensed professionals and also provide ample benefits to retain their staff.

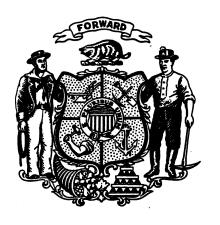
I believe that by increasing funding to facilities we can in turn abolish mandatory overtime for nurses. With your support and guidance in directing the future of healthcare for our state, we can maintain the highest standard of nursing care and a therapeutic environment for both the nurses and their patients.

Thank you for taking the time to address my concerns.

Sincerely,

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Amy Nicholson





STATE SENATOR DAVE ZIEN

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS CHAIRMAN

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JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COUNCIL ON TOURISM RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

August 6, 2002

Barbering and Cosmetology Examining Board Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing 1400 E. Washington Ave Madison, WI 54703

Mr. Chairman and Members:

I am writing to you about the continuing education program that was proposed by your board that would require barbers and others to continue their education in order to renew their license to practice.

I've been informed of this proposal by a number of constituents, including a few who have been barbers for more than 30 years. They have informed me that, if implemented, this program would be a hardship on themselves and their businesses. Many of these men and women have been in business for decades, prior to which, they completed all the schooling necessary to become licensed in their field.

Requiring them to continue their education would require them to take time away from their jobs and pay for a class to learn about topics on which many of them are already experts. Furthermore, they are already kept up to date on new standards and sanitary techniques through the Board's regulatory digests.

I ask that you please reconsider this proposed rule.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my testimony and please keep me informed of any progress or decisions that are made. If you decide to go ahead and promulgate such a rule, please send me a copy.

Sincerely,



Dave Zien State Senator 23rd District

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cc: Senate Committee on Human Services and Aging - Senator Robson, chairperson Assembly Committee on Labor and Workforce Development - Rep. Hundertmark, chairperson







ROCK COUNTY, WISCONSIN



Council on Aging 51 South Main Street Janesville, Wisconsin 53545 Phone: (608) 757-5472

Fax: (608) 758-8423

April 3, 2001

The Honorable Judy Robson Wisconsin Senate Capitol Room 15 South PO Box 7882 Madison, WI 53707

Dear Senator Robson:

As representatives of the Legislative Committee of the Rock County Council on Aging, we would be very appreciate of any information your office could supply regarding pertinent information on pending or anticipated legislation which affects the older population. This information can be mailed to the Rock County Council on Aging at the above address.

Also, please let us know how our organization can be of help to your office in providing information and supporting legislation.

Thanking you, in advance, for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Frank J. Tragni, Chair

Legislative Committee

Rock County Council on Aging Board

Kristin Lien, Esq., Member

Legislative Committee

Rock County Council on Aging Board



WAYNE W. WOOD State Representative

44th Assembly District

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS Member:

Rules

State Affairs

Ranking Minority Member: Criminal Justice & Corrections Ways & Means



Misconsin Legislature Assembly

April 3, 2001

Home: 2429 Rockport Road Janesville, WI 53545 (608) 752-5485

Office: 104 North, State Capitol P.O. Box 8953 Madison, WI 53708 (608) 266-7503

State Senator Judith B. Robson Room 15 South – State Capitol Madison, WI 53702

Dear Senator Robson:

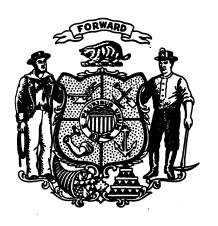
I appreciate receiving the invitation to attend the Senate Committee on Human Services and Aging hearing scheduled for Tuesday, April 17 in the City of Janesville.

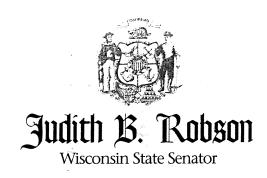
I regret, however, that I will be unable to attend. I am scheduled to be in meetings in Madison on that day.

Sincerely,

WAYNE W. WOOD State Representative

44th Assembly District





May 11, 2001

Senator Dave Hansen Senate Committee on Human Services and Aging 19 South

Dear Senator Hansen:

I am writing in regards to the budget recommendations of the Senate Committee on Human Services and Aging.

Three members of our committee also serve on the Joint Committee on Finance. Some of these members have indicated that they will abstain from voting on the paper ballots I sent out earlier this week. Because the full committee will not be voting on budget recommendations, the votes will not be an accurate reflection of the committee's views. Therefore, I am canceling the paper balloting on budget recommendations.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Senator Judith B. Robson 15th Senate District

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